



9D Best of Turkey

- Comprehensive itinerary for 1st timer in Turkey
- Visit the Byzantine Cistern in Istanbul
- Enjoy belly dancing show in Istanbul
- Stay 2 nights in caved carved hotel in Cappadocia
- Domestic flight from Ankara to Istanbul

Day 01 **Singapore / Istanbul** (Meal on Board)
 Assemble at Singapore Changi International Airport for your flight to Istanbul.

Day 02 **Istanbul / Bursa** (Lunch / Dinner)
 Welcome to Istanbul – the only city in the world built on two continents! Depart from the airport to embark on a ferry boat to Yalova. Drive to **Bursa**, enjoying the lovely countryside views and have lunch. Following lunch, visit **Ulu Camii** (Grand Mosque), the **Green Mausoleum**, the old **Silk Market** in covered bazaar. Then drive to **Mt Uludag**, the legendary Mt Olumpos. Return to Bursa for dinner and overnight.
 * Bursa will be replaced by **Canakkale** with visit of **Troy** for departures April to September

Day 03 **Bursa / Pergamon / Kusadasi** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)
 After breakfast depart for **Kusadasi**. Enroute visit the **Acropolis** and **Asclepion** in **Pergamon**. Acropolis is located on top of a steep hill with a spectacular view of the surrounding area. At Acropolis see the **Temple of Trajan** and the theater both overlooking the plains of Pergamon. Visit Asclepion, the ancient medical centre, before driving to Kusadasi. It is believed that the Asclepion was founded by Galinus, the greatest physician of the ancient times, who is known for his great contribution to the medical science.

Day 04 **Kusadasi / Selcuk / Pamukkale** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)
 Drive to **Selcuk** this morning, visiting the **House of Virgin Mary**. Your memorable visit to **Ephesus** will begin viewing one of the **Seven Churches of Revelation**, the **Temple of Artemis** (one of the Seven Wonders of Antiquity), **Celsius Library** etc. The city of Ephesus is one of the most interesting and extensive ancient sites in the world. After lunch, continue to **Pamukkale** (Cotton Castle). You will tour the **Antique City of Hierapolis** where calcareous hot springs descending over the cliffs have created fascinating travertines in the form of white terrace and basins.

Day 05 **Pamukkale / Konya / Cappadocia** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)
 Today, travel to **Cappadocia** via **Konya**, the famous old capital city of the Seljuk Empire with many fine examples of Turkish Islamic art and architecture. After a visit to the **Mausoleum of Mevlana**, continue to Cappadocia. Enroute visit the 13th century **Sultanhanı Caravansarai**, the ancient 'hotels' during the silk road time.

Day 06 **Cappadocia** (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)
 Situated near a former volcano, the unique landscape of Cappadocia evolved through erosion of the ash sedimentation by wind, sun, rain and snow. Enjoy a full day tour through the many valleys and conical cliffs, with whole cities hewed from these rock cliffs,. Your tour includes the **Underground City of Kaymakli**, the **Goreme Valley**, **Valley of the Birds** and **Uchisar Castle**, where you can capture a panoramic view of the beautiful plateau. With its indescribably beautiful lunar landscape, Cappadocia is the highlight of any tour to Turkey.



Day 07 Cappadocia / Ankara / Istanbul

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Take a morning drive to **Ankara**, the capital of Turkey. Begin with a visit to the **Anatolian Civilization Museum**, for its rich collection of Hittite exhibits. Proceed next to the **Mausoleum of Ataturk**, founder of the Turkish Republic. This mammoth mausoleum, which took nine years to complete, is a blend of style from various Anatolian civilizations. Catch a **domestic flight** back to Istanbul. Round off the evening with a **Belly Dancing Show**.

Day 08 Istanbul / Singapore

(Breakfast / Lunch)

The **Blue Mosque** will be your first stop of the day. Known as the Mosque of Sultan Ahmet, the mosque is located next to the ancient **Hippodrome** and across the **St Sophia Museum**. The 6 minarets and the layout of the domes and semi-domes create a unique exterior. With a capacity of 100,000 spectators, the Hippodrome was the scene for the political struggles and the uprisings in the capital city of the Byzantine Empire. The great **Byzantine underground cistern** was used to supply the necessary water to the city during enemy attacks and when the city was under siege. Next stop is the St Sophia Museum, a masterpiece of the Byzantine architecture and considered as the 8th wonder of the world by most art historians. Final stop of the day is **Topkapi Palace**. Topkapi, the administrative palace of the Ottoman Dynasty, that ruled on three continents for over six centuries, is definitely a must see stop. Thereafter, spend time as the **Grand Bazaar** for some souvenirs. If time permits, you may join an optional tour before you transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 09 Arrived Singapore

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